

# THE OUTCROP.

Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

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## Horses for the Prairies

This Valley is an Ideal Country for Raising Horses—A Splendid Market in Close Proximity

The following interesting and instructive article is supplied. The Outcrop by Captain H. T. Mann, the well-known rancher, who has a 2,350-acre ranch close to Wilmer, and it is hoped it will result in much good in the direction indicated.

An eminent provincial authority has lately stated his opinion that the future of British Columbia lies in her agricultural resources, rather than in the more dramatic ones of her mines and forests.

If this be true, her future is inexorably bound up with that of the advancement of prairie provinces, for they are her nearest and best market. The authority quoted above had reference to the swiftly growing fruit industry of the province, and his forecast is probably a true one. That the East Kootenay valley is some day destined to have its full share of this industry is the opinion of every expert who has gone into its agricultural resources, but we venture to suggest that it has an advantage over its rivals of West Kootenay and the Okanagan, which only needs enterprise and a reasonable amount of capital to exploit to great advantage. We refer to horse raising for the great market now established in the prairie provinces. Ten years ago the writer remembers when the stock ranges to the west of the Upper Columbia lakes were teeming with horses, mostly "cayuses" of a worthless kind it is true, but vivid evidence of the capability of the valley to support horses without special reference to a large area of land, estimated in the Upper Columbia lakes district alone at some 200,000 acres, is today unattainable, save by a few wild cayuses, a few cattle, and the ubiquitous blacktail and whitetail deer.

These lands are for the most part unfitted for agriculture, being lilly broken by deep ravines, and incapable of irrigation, yet they are the seat of the greatest horse-raising industry in the valley. The young horses for sale upon his shoulders, beat the wind, in summer, and his hooves as no prairie horse is ever tested, while the malnourished or crippled colt, which may grow into a four-year-old monster on the plain, is now left to find him on some steep hill side. When the grass is at its best in the East Kootenay valley it is equal or superior to the famous Oregon hay crops. Horses are often taken off the grass and put into hard work with little sign of the sudors as noticeable when the same is done on the prairie.

Why has some one not realized that the conditions obtaining in East Kootenay are almost ideal for raising the class of horses so much in demand on the prairie? It seems incredible that these wide pastures have been so long overlooked, and even now, the Bulkley Valley, remote and inaccessible to any market until the G. T. V. arrives there, is taking up greater attention than its climate seems to warrant to those who know of "fairer lands and tempered winds" to the south.

From the Upper Columbia lakes to Banff is but four days easy packing over a well used pass of the Rockies. Bands of horses, with manes having color at foot, are driven over this route constantly through the spring and summer months.

This close proximity to a market places the East Kootenay valley at a vast advantage over such remote fields—however green they be—as the Bulkley valley, and while in the one the waters

are only as yet approximated, in the other they are well known from the experiences of settlers who have lived there for 20 years.

The market advantages afforded to above all places the horse rancher beyond any anxiety as to the advent of the railway now building from Golden, while the nature of the country can never allow large areas of it to be adversely affected for ranching, on the building of a railroad through it. It is now old history how the great horse ranches of Calgary have become fertile homesteads for the farmers who have flocked there. This, greatly to the advantage of the prairie provinces, has sometimes spilled into the large ranches who were only protected by annual leases for the greater portion of their grazing lands. These leases the Dominion Government very properly refused to renew, as the demand for small holdings became greater.

The tourist, and even the summer girl are now familiar figures in the East Kootenay valley, the latter a radiant affair on many a distant rancher or inaccessible mining claim, mixing with the pure mountain air the headland atmosphere of the world "outside" to some a vision, to others a reminder of cities and the busy marts of men. The gliding charms of big game or fish- ing the valley its proportion of horses. The glorious exhilaration of ice reaching gives to the aboriginal and the settler alike a sense of well-being, as he knows the sun will set over the waters of the Columbia lakes. All this adorns the East Kootenay Valley acquiescence in. But she will greet with the most pleasure the colt, searching eye of the practical horse rancher, and for him some of her big prizes are held in reserve.

## DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

The directors of the North American Lumber Co. arrived from Boston by way of Cranbrook and spent several days last week examining their timber along Findlay creek. The Outcrop has information on good authority that this company has obtained the right to the timber along Kootenay river above where Findlay creek empties into the river, as well as the timber up Findlay. The company's plans are to erect a very large saw mill just below the mouth of Findlay creek on the Kootenay river and have it in operation by the time the Kootenay Central Railway is completed to that point. A share-holder in this company states that the manager of the company stated in a report he issued last year that he had interviewed Sir Thomas Bligh, president of the G. T. V., and on behalf of the North American Lumber Co. guaranteed to ship a train load of lumber a day over the Kootenay Central as soon as the railroad was built. The manager further stated that Sir Thomas advised him to go ahead with the mill and said that the railroad would be built by the time the company were ready to ship lumber. It

is understood that on the strength of this report the directors came all the way from Boston with the intention of establishing camps up Findlay and determining the site of the new mill, etc., but that some hitch in their proceedings has occurred and so far no definite work has yet been started, although the delay is said to be only temporary and the plans for future operations are being daily considered.

John M. McLeod, manager of the Wilmer Mercantile Co., is entitled to write after his name, or before it if he is so minded, "J.F." and "P.M.", and it is just possible some day he may reverse the latter. It is not very often that a man is popular enough to be the recipient of office from the Liberal and Conservative governments at the same time, yet such is the case with Mr. McLeod. A few weeks ago the Provincial Government appointed him a Justice of the peace, and last week the Dominion Government appointed him post master at Wilmer, vice A. R. Yates. He has moved the post office into the building of the Wilmer Mercantile Co., where he has a very neat office.

Mrs. Spragg and her daughter, Mrs. Hartman, left on the Parnagian Sunday for their home in Coquitlam, N.D. The former is a sister of Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Brewer, whom they have been visiting for over two months. Mrs. Hartman has greatly improved in health during her visit and hopes to return here again next year. Both ladies made many friends while here, and were delighted with the mountain life.

Mr. and Mrs. Washburn and children and Mr. Lashoe came down Thursday from the Nettie M. mine and report the mine looking better than ever. In the new tunnel there is six inches of good grade ore showing, although they have not yet got under the big surface showing. Mrs. Washburn and children will remain in Wilmer all winter, but the men will return to the mine in about a week.

Prof. Adams left Windermere last week en route to his home in Montreal. Mrs. Adams and her children will remain for sometime yet. It is stated that before leaving Prof. Adams purchased 20 acres of land fronting on Windermere lake from Jas. McLeod, where he will build a neat summer home.

J. S. Barbour has packed all C. D. Fitzsimmons' ore at the B. C. claim to the Dolphin and from there is making two trips a day to the road at the North Fork, from where E. F. Rau is hauling it to Atholmer. B. C. claim has renewed the lease on the B. C. and will work it all winter.

The No. 2 creek section gives promise of being the most densely populated part of this district as regards settlers. The best of it all is that most of the land taken up this season is owned by practical men who will make their houses there and cultivate the soil.

Chief C. Cameron left Windermere on Sunday to spend six weeks with his relatives and friends at the Coast. He leaves a request asking every person to be good while he enjoys his holidays and no doubt the request of our popular Chief will be duly respected.

About 20 lumber men arrived at Atholmer from Golden last Thursday night in charge of Foreman Outcrop, who has started a camp up Horse Thief creek. It is said two camps will be operated at that creek next winter.

Major Chamberlain returned Tuesday from his hunt up the Kootenay as he found the Stony Indians from Alberta were hunting there in large numbers. The Major will now try his luck in the Stikins.

Partidge near Windermere are said to be nearly as large as turkey partidge.

## BRISCO NEWSLETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Eggs are a scarce article in Golden and quoted at 45 cents a dozen. There is plenty in Brisco but if the Golden people want fresh hen fruit, they have to look like 40 cents.

Rev. Mr. McKinnon is campaigning for big game in the hills surrounding Brisco.

Harry Atchison has probably the best orchard between Golden and Windermere. This year his crab apple crop was large, and he is finding a ready market for every crab.

Brisco real estate is moving rapidly this week. That is, farmers are busy plowing.

Turnip this year have all the earmarks of a good yield.

Gold Commissioner J. E. Griffith has three inch plank at the Brisco landing. These will be used in repairing bridges, culverts, etc., in the district. It is also understood that the Big Hill near Colonel Atchison's farm, will be cut down, making the grade easy for heavily laden teams.

The cabbage crop in the southern States is a total failure. But smokers don't need to get excited as the Brisco crop is the largest in the history of the Columbia Valley.

Keep your optics on Brisco. It is bound to be a great lumber, mining and agricultural center.

Coast layers are busy corralling the potato crops of the Okanagan and Alberta. On account of the total failure of spuds in New Zealand and Australia, every potato that can be picked up in these districts will be sent to the English islands on the other side of the earth. About the only section left to draw from for home consumption is the Columbia Valley, and the farmers of this valley who are long on potatoes will reap the benefit. The price promises to soar skyward.

Thorpe & Allison, of the Beehive, are building an annex to their residence. The health of the camp is first class thank you.

Two Russians passed thru the valley this week. A local Highlander thought that because they were tallies they ought to talk Gaelic and threw the two talkers at them. But he was wrong.

Rev. Mr. McKinnon preached an interesting sermon in the church last Sunday to a large congregation. The quire was in good voice and rendered sweet music.

Deer are scarce, but farmers would like to see hunters "scarcer".

George Mitchell lately lost a valuable dog. The cause of death was due to indigestion, having swallowed a piece of smoked bacon turnip-pest pie, which lodged in his stomach, like a chunk of silver-lead ore.

R. S. Gallop of Canterbury went to Golden by last stage and may go east before returning.

It is stated deer are very plentiful up Findlay creek this year.

An omnigram from Windermere says Captain Cartier and Mr. R. A. Kingston had an interesting turkey shoot Tuesday and the Captain carried off the turkey.

Miss Haywood of Sinclair has taken charge of the Wilmer telephone office, while Miss McLeod is taking a few holidays camping up Horse Thief creek with Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Stahland and others.

## An Important Strike

Bell and Harrison Stake the Comstock Group and Start Working it.

"The Comstock Group" is the name which Messrs. E. Bell and W. Harrison have given their new claims located near the Soda Springs on Toby creek, and made mention of in these columns last issue. Their new find is considered a very important one and has been the talk of the entire camp for the past week. Mr. G. M. Willard has already purchased a one-quarter interest from Mr. Harrison for a good cash figure it is said, although he has not seen the property and purchased on the strength of the representation of the locators and the appearance of the ore, backed by his own knowledge of the locality. Several other parties are said to be quite anxious to buy interests in it, but the owners believe it is "a poor man's property" and are determined to hold on to it and develop it themselves.

From Messrs. Bell and Harrison The Outcrop learns that the Comstock Group comprises three claims and is situated about three miles from the Toby wagon road and about one mile from the sleigh road up the North Fork. Thus it will be a very easy matter to build a trail to the property. From picking up float at different times they were convinced a ledge was to be found in the vicinity and yet it was by the merest accident that the ledge was found while combing hunting and prospecting together. The shale covering the ledge is not deep, but is very fine and falls in about as quickly as it could be removed with the appliances at hand, which consisted of a broken pick. Yet they succeeded in taking out eight or ten sacks of ore and brought down about one hundred pounds with them, some of which may be seen at this office. The ledge was traced up the hill several hundred feet, with a quartzite and slate formation, which is regarded as the best formation to be had for mineral. The ore brought down shows that it is associated with spar, which is said to be the first found in this camp, but that in the Cour d'Alenes it is the very best indication and there prospectors stake spar on sight.

Every mining man who has seen the pretty specimens of ore do not hesitate in saying it carries high values and the owners have sent samples to a half dozen assayers and smelters to have it tested. Saturday Mr. C. W. Riley made an assay of one of poorest looking pieces and found it carried in values 69 per cent lead, 61 ounces silver and \$3.20 gold, or about \$75 to the ton in all values.

On Monday Messrs. Bell and Harrison went up to the property to erect a cabin and prepare to work all winter, and will be joined by Mr. Willard when he returns from the Coast. They intend to ship about a ton of ore as a test to the smelter before navigation closes this fall.

Glorious weather.

Read The Outcrop regularly.

The steamer Sedick is having new engines put in her and generally overhauled.

G. M. Willard left on the Parnagian Sunday on a brief business trip to the Coast, and will return to Wilmer in a few weeks.

Jas. Brady, P.L.S., returned Saturday from Golden. His services are very much in demand and he has been very busy since early spring surveying.

S. C. White Lighthouses—Pure bred birds from well known laying strain. A few cockbirds for sale at once. Price \$2 each. Apply to Whiskey Hill Ranch, Brisco.

It will be noticed by the advertisement of the Imperial Bank on page four of this issue that that institution has increased its authorized capital to \$5,000,000, with a rest of \$1,780,000 and it paid up capital is \$1,280,000. The bank's total assets on August 31 last amounted to over \$10,000,000, while its deposits in circulation amounted to over \$1,000,000.

The Parnagian continues to take ore down this trip.

Miss Hattie Rutherford of Golden is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jos. Lake, at Atholmer.

The steamer Parnagian arrived yesterday on a special trip with freight and a few passengers.

E. T. Johnston came down yesterday from Sunshine ranch, this being his first visit to Wilmer in many moons.

More high grade mines will work all next winter in this camp than ever before, and they will all have ore to ship.

It looks as though Mrs. "Jinny" Anderson had given the president of the editor of the Vancouver World a hard pull.

It is rumored that one of the bodies of the lumber men drowned in the Sp. machine last summer has been found and that it is impossible to identify it as only the skeleton remains, covered with a salt and overalls. At the hour of going to press no authentic statement can be had of the result.







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The  
Peterborough  
Trading Company..THE HAMMOND CUP  
RIFLE SHOOTCaptain J. C. Pitts Wins This  
Year With 77 Points

The annual competition for the Hammond Cup took place last Friday at the Windermere Rifle Association's range. The day was dark and windy and consequently the scores were very low. Below are the scores of each competitor at the 200, 500 and 600 ranges:

Capt. J. C. Pitts.....	77
J. Tegar.....	76
J. Watson.....	69
S. E. Stoddart.....	66
S. C. Craig.....	62
C. Cameron.....	61
W. Tappan.....	61
E. Clark.....	61
S. Hewitson.....	58
F. Nickelson.....	50
R. A. Kimpton.....	49
J. Davidson.....	30

THE WELLS CUP  
RIFLE SHOOTCaptain R. Elliot Wins the Cup  
By 4 Points This Year

Shooting on the Wilmer Rifle Range for the Wells Competition Cup for the season 1906 proved to be both close and interesting. The rules governing the shooting for the cup require each competitor to shoot three times. There were fourteen who entered the contest, and those making 80 or over are given below:

F. L. Snook.....	27	28	27	82
J. McLeod.....	24	28	27	79
Total.....	249			
A. R. Yates.....	26	29	24	79
Capt. R. Elliot.....	24	24	24	72
Total.....	251			

Wedding invitations and announcements promptly executed in the latest styles in The Outcrop Job Department.

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Dated Sept. 3rd, 1906. R. S. GALLUP.

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Commencing at a post about one mile west and north of the point where the Government road crosses No. 3 creek, marked "Columbia River Lumber Company's south east corner post"; thence west 120 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to place of commencement.

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of Canada.CAPITAL Authorized..... \$5,000,000.00  
CAPITAL (Paid-Up)..... \$4,280,000.00  
REST..... \$4,280,000.00

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## TIMBER LICENSES.

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Dated Aug. 14th, 1906. R. S. GALLUP, Locator.

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Commencing at a post planted south of L. W. Laidlaw's southeast corner, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 40 acres.

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## The W. M. Co.,

JOHN McLEOD. - - - Manager.

HELLO THERE  
Johnny get your gun,  
There is game in the bushes;  
Duck on the sloughs,  
And geese in the rushes.Don't get the blues when you miss the wily duck,  
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